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President Wilson appointed a Mediation Commission to investigate the matter, and named as legal adviser of this body the lawyer who had investigated the Mooney case. This lawyer made a report in both cases that was in favor of the I. W. W.'s contentions. To this man Koosevelt wrote the letter mentioned above, from which I quote:

"You have taken, and are taking, on behalf of the Administration an attitude which seems to me to be fundamentally that of Trotsky and the other Bolshevik! leaders in Russia; an attitude which may be fraught with mischief to this country.

"The question of granting a re-trial is one thing. The question of the recall is entirely distinct. Even if a re-trial were proper this would not in the least justify a recall—any more than a single grave error on your part would justify your impeachment, or the impeachment of President Wilson for appointing you. The I. W. W. and the direct action<sup>7</sup> anarchists and apologists for anarchy are never concerned for justice. They are concerned solely in seeing one kind of criminal escape justice, precisely as certain big business men and certain corporation lawyers have in the past been concerned in seeing another kind of criminal escape justice. The guiding spirits in the movement for the recall of Fickert cared not a rap whether or not Mooney and Billings were guilty; probably they believed them guilty; all they were concerned with was seeing a rebuke ad-

ministered to, and an evil lesson taught all  
public officials  
who might take action against crimes of  
violence committed by anarchists in the name of some foul  
and violent  
protest against social conditions. Murder is  
murder, and  
it is rather more evil, when committed in the  
name of a  
professed social movement. The reactionaries  
have in the  
past been a great menace to this republic;  
but at this  
moment it is the I. W. W., the Germanized  
Socialists, the  
Anarchists, the foolish creatures who always  
protest against  
the suppression of crime, the pacifists and the  
like, who are  
the really grave danger. These are the  
Bolsheviki of Amer-  
ica, and the Bolsheviki are just as bad as the  
Romanoffs,